

Guidelines

Your Personal Statement allows you to share more than simply your transcript with us. Prepare your Personal Statement with care; this is your opportunity to tell us why you wish to attend university and why you believe you should be accepted to the program. It is important to answer all the questions posed.

Any information you provide will be treated as confidential.

Your Personal Statement should be between 750-1,000 words (please type and double-space) and should have three parts (Parts A, B and C). Please use a formal essay format with an introduction, body and conclusion for your essay.

Personal Statement

Part A: Academic History

- Please comment on your academic record (high school and, if applicable, college/university studies) and address any reasons you think your previous academic record may not reflect your potential.
- What, if any, challenges did you face in high school (and/or college/university, if applicable), for example: academic, personal, disability, etc.? How did you address them?
- How you plan to ensure you successfully address challenges encountered while at university?

Part B: Academic Goals

- Why do you wish to attend university, what do you want to study and why?
- What are your alternate plans if not accepted to ESP?

Part C: Why ESP is right for me

(Be sure to read up on our program on our website in order to help you address this section.)

- How can the program help you to achieve your goals? Please be specific about what aspects of the program you feel will be helpful to you and why.
- The Seminars and Workshops both call for working with other students, often in groups. Have you experienced challenges with group work in the past? How will you address these issues, if they arise, in the future?

Finally:

- If classes and workshops are offered online in the fall, what challenges would you expect to face in terms of learning in an online environment? How would you plan to address those challenges? Are there any supports that you would need?